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Good morning Coalition members. Our annual fund raising campaign gets underway this month. You'll soon be receiving a letter and a few emails about our efforts in 2021 and a request for your continued support as we look towards the future. We hope you'll consider making a gift to the Coalition! And remember, if you're shopping Amazon this holiday season, support the Coalition by shopping on [Amazon Smile](#).

Advocacy Actions

Here are a few of the actions we took in

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October:

- We celebrated the restoration of protections for several national monuments - including Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante.
- Members of the Coalition Executive Council met with Mr. Charles F. Sams III, the President's nominee for Director of the NPS. It was an excellent meeting and we issued a statement of support for Mr. Sams ahead of his confirmation hearing.
- In support of the efforts of several groups, including the Friends of Minidoka, we submitted comments in opposition to the proposed Lava Ridge Wind Project, which would cause unacceptable impacts to Minidoka NHS.
- The Coalition also continued to offer support for the inclusion of the Amache Site as a unit of the National Park System.
- Finally, we issued a short statement of support for the COMPETES Act, a bill to end noncompetitive oil and gas leasing.

Visit our website to learn more and take a look at our other advocacy efforts.

Hartzog Award Nominations Now Open

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Each year, the Coalition accepts nominations for the George Hartzog Award, which is given to the individual or individuals who demonstrated outstanding support for the mission of the National Park System and/or the National Park Service. Recipients can be active NPS employees, NPS retirees or members of the general public who have demonstrated remarkable support for the National Park System. Nominations can be submitted [here](#) and are open until **November 30, 2021**.

Announcements

The the University of California, Berkeley is announcing the recruitment of an Executive Director for the Institute for Parks, People, and Biodiversity, housed in the Rausser College of Natural Resources. This is an open recruitment and all interested candidates are encouraged to apply. More information can be found [here](#). The announcement closes on November 14, 2021.

On the Horizon

Here is a look at a few of the issues we'll be keeping an eye on during the month of November:

- NPS Director updates
- GAOA Fund Allocation Updates

- Budget reconciliation
- NPS operations and continued overcrowding
- Ongoing oil and gas leasing concerns
- Additional Air Tour Management Plans

Member Count

The Coalition added 34 new members in October, bringing the total to 2,063. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).

Reading Rec

If you're still celebrating Halloween and enjoying a spooky tale or two, check out [this blog post](#) from NPCA that features six ghostly getaways in the National Park System.

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